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1. THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF ALDO MORO WAS A FRONT PAGE STORY IN THE POLISH PRESS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COURSE OF THE TRAGEDY. DISPATCHES FROM POLISH CORRESPONDENTS RESIDENT IN ROME DESCRIBED MORO AS AN "UNUSUAL POLITICIAN", PRAISED HIM AS THE ARCHITECT OF THE RAPPROCHEMENT OF THE ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND COMMUNISTS, AND CALLED HIS MURDER A "BESTIAL CRIME". JERZY AMBROSZEWICZ, CORRESPONDENT OF TRYBUNA LUDU, THE POLISH PARTY DAILY, WROTE ON MAY 10 THAT "THE ITALIAN POLICE LOST THE BATTLE WITH THE TERRORISTS FROM BEGINNING TO END". BUT THE 55-DAY "FIGHT TO SAVE DEMOCRACY", AMBROSZEWICZ CONTINUED, WAS NOT IN VAIN: "THE STATE DID NOT CAPITULATE TO TERRORISM. THE RED BRIGADE DID NOT ACHIEVE ANY OF ITS GOALS."

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2. POLISH EDITORIALISTS CONDEMNED TERRORISM AND PRAISED THE EFFORTS OF "DEMOCRATS" TO COMBAT IT. GRZEGORZ JASZUNSKI WROTE IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY ON MAY 10 THAT "POLISH PUBLIC OPINION CONDEMNS ACTS OF PROVOCATION, ILLEGALITY, AND TERRORISM PERFORMED BY ADVENTURIST AND EXTREMIST ELEMENTS IN ITALY. THESE ELEMENTS THREATEN HUMANISM IN PRINCIPLE, HOPE TO CAUSE CHAOS AND TENSION, AND MAKE EASIER REACTIONARY ATTACKS ON ALL DEMOCRATS, ABOVE ALL,

COMMUNISTS." MORO'S MURDER, JASZUNSKI CONTINUED, "WILL DOUBTLESS BE THE JOLT WHICH CAN MOBILIZE ITALIAN SOCIETY FOR THE DEFENSE OF CIVILIZATION AND DEMOCRACY. ITALY HAS ALREADY EXPERIENCED THE NIGHTMARE OF FASCISM."

3. RYSZARD DRECKI IN TRYBUNA LUDU ON MAY 11 ANALYZED THE ROOTS OF TERRORISM IN ITALY. ALL CAPITALISTIC COUNTRIES, HE WROTE, SUFFER FROM A "CHARACTERISTIC INSTABILITY OF STATE-SOCIAL STRUCTURE". ITALY, DRECKI ASSERTED, "HAS DEVELOPED ESPECIALLY SHARP AND VISIBLE FORMS" OF THIS AFFLICTION. TERRORISM, HE CONTINUED, WHATEVER ITS GUISE, SERVES ONLY THE AIMS OF THE EXTREME RIGHT: "TERRORISM, REGARDLESS WHETHER IT IS DONE OPENLY UNDER A FASCIST SIGN OR IS CONCEALED WITH PSEUDO-LEFTIST PHRASEOLOGY, OBJECTIVELY FULFILLS, CONSCIOUSLY OR UNCONSCIOUSLY, THE 'SOCIAL ORDERS' OF THE EXTREME RIGHT." IN DRECKI'S VIEW, MORO'S DEATH DOES NOT SIGNAL THE END OF TERRORISM IN ITALY, EVEN THOUGH THE TERRORISTS ACHIEVED NONE OF THEIR GOALS: "CUTTING THE ROOTS OF THESE CRIMES REQUIRES NOT ONLY EFFECTIVE ACTION IN THE IMMEDIATE BATTLE WITH THE SOCIAL CANCER OF TERRORISM BUT ALSO THE CONSCIOUS REMOVAL OF THE DEEP SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ILLNESSES ON WHICH THAT CANCER FEEDS."

4. POLISH PRIME MINISTER PIOTR JAROSZEWICZ SENT A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO ITALIAN PREMIER GIULIO ANDREOTTI WITH, ACCORDING TO THE DISPATCH OF THE POLISH PRESS AGENCY (PAP) OF MAY 10, "EXPRESSIONS OF THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
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AND PEOPLE AS WELL AS FOR THE FAMILY OF THE MURDERED MAN".
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